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the month of September. From tuberculosis there died 177 persons, an increase of 30, and from malaria 86, an increase of 36.

From typhoid fever there died 55 persons, 6 at the city of Sao Paulo, 4 at Santos, 4 at Rio Claro, 6 at S. José do Rio Pardo, an increase of 12; from yellow fever 2 persons, at the city of Sao Paulo, an increase of 1; from smallpox 1 person, at Cruzeiro, an increase of 1; from measles 27 persons, an increase of 13; from scarlet fever 5 persons, an increase of 3.

In regard to other infectious diseases, there were 1 death from diphtheria, 57 deaths from whooping cough, 7 deaths from erysipelas, 21 deaths from dysentery, 35 deaths from influenza, 6 deaths from plague, at Santos, 7 deaths from leprosy, 3 deaths from cholera, 2 deaths from diarrhea infectiosa, and 1 death from varicella.

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health: January 23, steamship *Wordsworth*, Belgian, for New York. January 24, ship *Mabel Jordan*, American, for Philadelphia; ship *Premier*, Norwegian, for Pensacola. January 25, steamship *Livorno*, German, for New York.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, January 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith report of inspection service at Hongkong for the week ended December 30, 1899, and to state that during this period there were 118 deaths from all causes reported. Among this number the following: Plague, 4 cases and 3 deaths; smallpox, 4 cases and 2 deaths; malarial fever, 6; beriberi, 5; trismus, 17; leprosy, 1; tubercle, 17.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosures.]

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for the week ended December 30, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer- age.	
Dec. 27	Br. ss. Esmeralda.....	Manila, P. I.....	70	23	3	1
Do.....	Br. ss. Nauchang.....	do.....	66	0	53	0
Do.....	Br. ss. Loong Sang.....	do.....	65	6	2	1
Dec. 28	U. S. bk. A. Obrig.....	New York, N. Y.....	20	0	0	0
Dec. 29	Jap. ss. Futami Maru (a).....	Manila, P. I.....	106	57	30	0

a Supplemental bill of health.

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for week ended January 6, 1900.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer- age.	
Jan. 2	U.S. ship State of Maine (a) ...	New York, N. Y.	22	2	0	0
Do....	U.S. ship Mary L. Cushing (b) ..	do.	23	0	0	0
Jan. 3	Japanese ss. Nippon Maru	San Francisco, Cal.	171	23	99	3
Do....	Br. ss. Diamante	Manila, P. I.	81	12	8	0
Do....	Br. ss. Yuen Sang	do.	70	2	7	0
Jan. 4	Br. ss. Osama	New York, N. Y.	37	0	0	0
Jan. 5	U.S. ship Rence	do.	23	2	0	0
Jan. 6	Ger. ss. Triumph	Manila, P. I.	41	0	0	0

a Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their baggage and effects disinfected with steam.

b Supplemental bill of health.

Deaths in November, 1899—Rate of mortality during twenty years.

HONGKONG, January 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information inclosures giving the total number of deaths reported in Hongkong during the month of November, 1899, and that showing the mortality rate in this city for the past twenty years.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

Return showing the number of deaths from all causes reported in Hongkong during the month of November, 1899.

I.—GENERAL DISEASES.

(A) *Specific febrile diseases.*

Zymotic—		
Smallpox (confluent)	1	
Whooping cough	1	
Diphtheria	1	
Fever, typhoid (enteric)	5	
Fever, simple continued	1	
Diarrhea	32	
Dysentery	2	
Bubonic fever (plague)	3	
Malarial—		
Fever, intermittent	13	
Fever, remittent	37	
Fever (undefined)	10	
Beriberi	29	
Septic—		
Pyæmia	1	
Septicæmia	1	
Puerperal fever	1	
Venereal—		
Syphilis (tertiary)	1	
Syphilis (congenital)	1	

(B) *Diseases dependent on specific external agents.*

Poison—		
Vegetable, opium (suicide)	1	
Vegetable, opium	1	